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SUBJECT: HOLY SEE REQUESTS US SUPPORT FOR TWO CSCE PROPOSALS

1. ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI, VATICAN "FOREIGN MINISTER," HAD HIS DEPUTY MSGR. SILVESTRINI CALL ILLING TO HIS OFFICE JUNE 17 TO MAKE STRONG REQUEST FOR US TO SUPPORT TWO HOLY SEE BASKET 3 PROPOSALS. FIRST DEALS WITH CONTACTS AND GATHERINGS FRO RELIGIOUS PURPOSES AND SECOND WITH THE EXCHANGE OF RELIGIOUS INFORMATION. SILVESTRINI STRESSED THAT HIGHEST VATICAN QUARTERS WERE INTERESTED IN HAVING THESE TWO TEXTS INCLUDED IN FINAL CSCE DOCUMENT. MOREOVER, HE NOTED THAT HOLY SEE HAD DISCUSSED THEM WITH WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND ANGLICAN LEADERS IN ENGLAND, ALL THREE OF WHICH AGREED WITH TEXTS AND WERE ANXIOUS THAT HOLY SEE, AS ONLY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION PRESENT AT CSCE, ACT AS SPOKESMAN FOR THOSE NOT PRESENT. SILVESTRINI ADDED THAT SOVIET DELEGATION, WITH WHICH HE HAS DEALT ARDUOUSLY OVER TWO-YEAR

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PERIOD, ALSO ACCEPTED TEXTS AS REPORTED BELOW.

2. PROPOSAL ON CONTACTS AND MEETINGS WITH RELIGIOUS MOTIVES AS RECEIVED IN FRENCH FOLLOWS: "ILS CINFIRMENT QUE LES INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS ET CULTES RELIGIEUX, AGISSANT DANS LE CADRE CONSTITUTIONNEL DES ETATS PARTICIPANTS, ET LEURS REPRESENTANTS, PEUVENT AVOIR ENTRE EUX LES CONTACTS ET RENCONTRES QUE ENTRENT DANS LE DOMAINE DE LEURS ACTIVITES." SILVESTRINI SAID HOLY SEE HAD BELIEVED THIS TEXT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING US, WHEN HE DISCUSSED IT LAST WEEK, BUT ON MONDAY US REPRESENTATIVE RAISED OBJECTION TO CLAUSE WHICH READS "ACTING WITHIN THE CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE PARTICIPANTS." SILVESTRINI SAID HE UNDERSTANDS US VIEW THAT THIS LANGUAGE IS IMITING, HOWEVER, HE IS CONVINCED THAT IT IS BEST THAT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SOVIET UNION WHICH ORIGINALLY WISHED STATEMENT TO BE LIMITED ONLY TO THOSE RELIGIOUS BODIES WHICH WERE "REGISTERED WITH PROPER STATE AUTHORITIES." HOLY SEE CONVINCED THAT FAILURE TO ACCEPT THIS LANGUAGE WOULD RESULT IN TOTAL REMOVAL OF STATEMENT WHICH THEY AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH THEY HAVE DISCUSSED IT FEEL WOULD BE DISASTROUS. CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN EASTERN EUROPE HAVE ALSO INFORMED HOLY SEE THAT THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH ABOVE LANGUAGE AND ARE HOPEFUL HOLY SEE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE IT INCLUDED IN FINAL TEXT.

3. TEXT OF EXCHANGE OF RELIGIOUS INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS: "ILS CONFIRMENT QUE LES INSTITUTIONS, OORGANISATIONS ET CULTES RELIGIEUX, AGISSANT DANS LE CADRE CONSTITUTIONNEL DES ETATS PARTICIPANTS, PEUVENT EXCHANGER LES INFORMATIONS QUI ENTRENT DANS LE DOMAINE DE LEURS ACTIVITES." SEVERAL NATO COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO SILVESTRINI, HAVE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT TEXT ON RELIGIOUS INFORMATION IS NOT NECESSARY AT ALL SINCE RELIGIOUS MATERIAL WOULD BE COVERED UNDER GENERAL STATEMENT CONCERNING FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. BASED ON HOLY SEE'S EXPERIENCE WITH EASTERN COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, THEY FEEL IT IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO INCLUDE A SEPARATE STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS INFORMATION. WESTERN CHURCH LEADERS SHARE THIS VIEW AND FEEL ONLY BY SEPARATELY UNDERLINING IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS INFORMATION WOULD THERE BE BETTER LEVERAGE TO USE IN EVENT OF FUTURE COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS.

4. ILLING TOLD SILVESTRINI HE WOULD RELAY HOLY SEE REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. VOLPE
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